compared to a collection of Rs. 82539 crores in the corresponding period of previous year. Excise duty collections have been affected by the lower growth in certain sectors of the economy and increase in the exemption limit of Small Scale Industries. The sluggish growth in imports and abolition of 10% surcharge on imports have affected the customs revenue. Direct tax collection is lower due to increased amount of refunds. Restructuring of Department which envisages revamping of entire organizational structure to provide improve efficiency, better career prospects, additional mobilisation of resources by closer attention to cases pending with judicial and quasijudicial authorities, speedy collection of arrears of revenue and plugging the leakage of revenue, is still to be completed.

World Bank Loan for Banks

1550. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of Public Sector Banks which have sought loans from the World Bank for making payment towards VRS to their employees during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of employees of various public sector banks who have taken VRS during these years;

(c) the World Bank loan taken by each bank in these years; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) None of the Public Sector Banks has sought loans from the World Bank for making payments towards Voluntary Retirement Scheme to their employees.

(b) As on 30.9.2001, 101217 employees have taken retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme introduced by various Public Sector Banks.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Prosecution of companies by SEBI

1551. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India has prosecuted any company under the SEBI Regulations, 1999 for violation of rules during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has framed several regulations under the provisions of the SEBI Act, 1992, including the SEBI (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 1999. Criminal prosecution for violation of these regulations have been launched in a number of cases. SEBI has intimated that to-date, prosecutions have been launched against 32 companies and their directors for violations of the provisions of the said regulations. The process of filing prosecutions against approximately 50 other companies running unregistered collective investment schemes, is in progress.

(b) A list of companies against which prosecution has already been launched is provided in the Statement.

Statement

Names of Companies against which prosecution has been launched

S.No.	Name of the Company
1.	Arrow Biotech International Ltd.
2.	Green Gold Forestry Ltd.
3.	Maharashtra Agritech Ltd.
4.	Shrishrimal Plantations Ltd.
5.	Wealth Agro Plantations Ltd.
6.	Pan India Forest & Land Development Ltd.
7.	Eternal Agro Ltd.
8.	World View Teak Rich Ltd.
9.	Raibow Perennial Krishi Ltd.
10.	Southern Horticulture & Rubber Plantation Ltd.
11.	Ace Agro Products Ltd.
12.	Green Gold Agro Development Ltd.

S.No.	Name of the Company
13.	Green Gold Horticulture Ltd.
14.	Green Agro Products Ltd.
15.	Mahakaushal Plantation Ltd.
16.	Phenomenal Plantations Ltd.
17.	Symphony Farm & Forest Ltd.
18.	Adventure Orchards Ltd.
19.	Aaraya Plantations & Farm Developers Ltd.
20.	Agrioteck India Ltd.
21.	Agrogold Plantations & Resorts Ltd.
22.	Crystall Biotech Industries Ltd.
23.	Vasundhara Marin Products Ltd.
24.	Young Farmers Forests India Ltd.
25.	Grow Green Forest (India) Ltd.
26.	Surabhi Forests India Ltd.
27.	Endowment Plantations India Ltd.
28.	Okara Agro Industries Ltd.
29.	Advantage Agro India Ltd.
30.	Okara Leasing & Investment Ltd.
31.	Timberworld Resorts & Plantations Ltd.
32.	Swarnabhumi Forest (India) Ltd.

Filing of annual returns by private companies

1552. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of companies, registered and unregistered in the private sector in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of private companies fail to file their annual returns;